

An open lane random survey

How do you feel about the Iraqis regaining control of their country?

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"I think it's fantastic. It's about time for them to assume control of their own responsibilities."

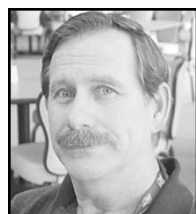
Shantanu Tantuwaya
DoD civilian

"I think it is a first step in the right direction."



Russell Perry
DoD civilian

"I think it's good that we've turned the country back over to the Iraqis. Hopefully we'll get our people out of there before too long."



Bill Dyer
DoD civilian

"It's their country. Our mission was to help liberate the country. I think we accomplished that. They have other problems at this

point, but we accomplished what we went in there to do which was to free the country from the reign of Saddam. It should go back to them. It's a good move."

Q&A for top enlisted Soldier

The following question and answer previously appeared in *The Huntsville Times*. The answer was provided by post Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory Lunn.

Question: President Reagan was buried weeks ago and flags all over town are still at half-staff day and night, even in the rain. Is there a more formal protocol for flag bearers to show respect?

Answer: The proper military flag protocol after the death of a command-in-chief requires that the flag be flown at half-staff for 30 days "during the prescribed hours from reveille to retreat," meaning from dawn until dusk, according to Lunn.

Civilian flag protocol, which is basically the same as military protocol, is covered in the U.S. Code, Title IV, Chapter I, Section 5(m), Lunn said.

President Reagan died June 5, so protocol for both military installations and civilian organizations calls for the flag to be flown at half-staff until July 5. Normally, the flag is flown only during daylight hours, but the commander of a major Army command or installation commander, or a civilian organization or agency head such as the governor, can authorize sites under their command to fly the flag 24 hours a day, Lunn said. Likewise, a commander or civilian agency head can also extend the period for which the flag is to be flown at half-staff, not to exceed an additional two weeks. If the flag is flown at night, it will be illuminated by a light that is fixed specifically on the flag, Lunn said. In the case of rain or other inclement weather, protocol requires the use of an all-weather type of flag, known as a storm flag, rather than a standard flag meant only for good weather.



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Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory Lunn

Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
Scant City, Ala.

What do you like about your job?
The challenge of the dif-

ferent types of work, producing good quality illustrations and serving the Soldier. I love working for the Soldier.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

My husband and I have horses. We like to trail ride and camp.

What are your goals?

To retire and spend more time trail riding and



maybe do some freelance computer graphic work from home.

Post drinking water gets all-clear report

Directorate of Environment and Safety has completed the Installation's 2004 Drinking Water Quality Report and announces that Redstone Arsenal's drinking water meets or exceeds all federal and state requirements.

This report is provided to comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's drinking water right-to-know initiative which is known as the Consumer Confidence Report Rule. Under this rule, all community water supply systems are required to prepare and distribute annual drinking water quality reports to their consumers.

DES has made the report available to

Redstone's housing residents by mail distribution through the Postal Service. The report will also be available to installation personnel and organizations via the AMCOM info web site under the subject "Drinking Water Analysis" and on the Garrison home page site map under "Drinking Water Report."

The CCR will enable individuals to make practical and knowledgeable decisions about their drinking water and their health. You are encouraged to review the CCR; and if you have any questions or comments regarding your drinking water, call Gene Daniels of the Garrison at 955-7591.

Army selects drill sergeants of year

Staff Sgt. Kimberly Thompson represented Redstone Arsenal in the 2004 U.S. Army Drill Sergeant of the Year competition June 14-18 at Fort Monroe, Va.

The Army's top 22 drill sergeants, 15 Active Component and seven Reserve Component, competed. And the winners were Staff Sgt. Jason Maynard of Fort Sill, Okla., active, and Sgt. 1st Class Jennifer Fowler of 95th Division in Richland, Mo., reserve.

Competition began with an Army

Physical Fitness Test. The competitors also were assessed on their knowledge of Soldier tasks and how they teach those tasks to new trainees. The selection process concluded with each candidate appearing before a board of senior command sergeants major.

Thompson, assigned to the 73rd Ordnance Battalion at Fort Gordon, Ga., was named the 59th Ordnance Brigade and Redstone Arsenal 2004 drill sergeant of the year Jan. 30.